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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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For: REMEDY/PREVENTIVE FOR VASCULAR

DISORDERS AND HYPERTENSION AND METHOD OF SCREENING THE SAME

Examiner: Noble E. Jarrell

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated September 16, 2010. In response thereto, Applicants elect Group II, which includes claims 5-11, drawn to a method of screening compounds efficacious for treating vascular disorders, hypertension, and renal disorders, as that Group is defined in the Office Action.

The within election is being made solely to comply with the Restriction Requirement and the right to file one or more divisional application(s) to pursue non-elected subject matter is reserved.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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